



## PROJECT UPDATE February 2016

### **BERVIE BRAES ROAD (DF)**

DF will be meeting with William Munro and the Ward 18 Councillors on 18<sup>th</sup> March to discuss this topic.

*The Bervie Braes Road Project is mentioned in the STP's Business Plan 2012 – 2015 and was also included in the Community Plan. There was also a comment in PfR that there should be better access for walkers and cyclists on Bervie Braes.*

### **PLAN B**

This project will be looked at again in January 2017

*The Plan B Project has been initiated as it was in STP's Business plan **SPORT AND LEISURE FACILITIES AT THE RECREATION GROUND SITE** – investigating the possibility of improved facilities at this site, alongside reviewing alternative locations. There were also a number of comments made by residents in the PfR exercise about this area of Stonehaven.*

### **FUTURE OF STONEHAVEN COURT HOUSE BUILDING (DF)**

After the successful Open Days STP have now written to the Scottish Courts and Tribunal Services with a copy of the Feasibility study.

We are now waiting for the completed Conservation Report and are looking at funding and grants for the next stage of the project.

A meeting was held with Susan O'Connor from The Prince's Regeneration Trust in January.

Tenders for Architects/surveyors, building work and a Project Manager for the Court Building will be places on "Public Contracts Scotland" website.

All reports and meeting notes are available on the web site.

Discussions with potential tenants have started, but we need more. If you have any contacts of potential tenants please let us know on [projects@stpweb.org](mailto:projects@stpweb.org).

*This project falls into a number of STP's charity criteria. For example to assist in the regeneration of the area through the improvement of the physical, social and economic environment in order to:*

*Manage community land and associated assets for the benefit of the Community and the public in general;*

*Advance Community development, including urban or rural regeneration within the community:*

*Advance environmental protection or improvement including preservation, sustainable development and conservation of the natural environment, the maintenance, improvement or provision of environmental amenities for the community and /or the preservation of buildings or sites of architectural, historical or other importance to the community.*



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### **IMPROVING OUR TOWN CENTRE (JS) (Including the Board walk and Harbour Illuminations)**

There was a further meeting of the Improving our Town Centre Group at Viewmount on 28<sup>th</sup> January. Present at the meeting were officers from Aberdeenshire Council, Cllr Agnew and Cllr Bellarby, and representatives from Horizon, SDCC and STP. There was a discussion on how to take this project forward and how to get residents from Stonehaven on board to support the project. An additional walk about will be organised in the next few weeks.

*This project commenced due to comments that were made by residents at the PfR exercises. Comments were made about Town Centre signage, the appearance and upkeep of some of the buildings in the Centre and the seagull nuisance.*

### **FORMER GAS WORKS SITE (MW)**

Nothing further to report at present

*This project resulted from comments made in the PfR exercises about the lack of parking in Stonehaven in general and specifically the lack of parking in the Auld Toon during busy times.*

### **LAND TRAIN (MW)**

The Economic Impact Assessment showing the benefit of the Land Train to Stonehaven has been received and is available on the STP website [www.stpweb.org](http://www.stpweb.org). This shows the additional income that the Land Train has brought into Stonehaven and the additional jobs this project has created.

STP are expecting to take delivery of the additional carriage in March in time for Easter. There are still opportunities for storytellers on the Land train this year. If you are aged between 16 and 100 with an interest in the Town and meeting people from all over the world, please get in touch for more information on the role. There are still a few places for local companies to advertise on the train. If you are interested please contact [projects@stpweb.org](mailto:projects@stpweb.org).

Information about the timetable and fares will be posted on the Land Trains facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stonehavenlandtrain> as well as on [www.stpweb.org](http://www.stpweb.org).

*As above this project came about by comments that were made during the PfR exercises that the STP undertook in 2012. It also fits in well with the STP's SCIO objectives by assisting in the regeneration of Stonehaven by bringing tourists into the Town from Dunnottar Castle and was mentioned in the STP's Business Plan of 2012 – 2015 to ease parking congestion in the Town*

### **BEACH TOILETS**

Nothing further to report

*Improving the Public Toilets was one of the projects mentioned in STP's 2012 -15 Business Plan. One of STP's charity objectives is to assist in the regeneration of the area through improvement of the physical, social and economic environment in order to:*

*Manage Community Land and associated assets for the benefit of the community and the public in general.*



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*Aberdeenshire Council asked STP to carry out a Harbour Development Feasibility Study and have assisted with funding for this project. One of the reasons the approach to STP from Aberdeenshire Council was made was that STP can apply for grant funding for the Feasibility Study which would reduce the cost to the council tax payer.*

### **CRUISE SHIPS (JR)**

Nothing further to report.

*This project was brought to the STP by a Community Group and is being looked into jointly by an STP trustee and a member of the Rotary Club of Stonehaven.*

### **HARBOUR ILLUMINATIONS (JS)**

This project will be dealt with under the Improving our Town Centre Project

*STP were approached by Stonehaven Business Association to assist with Christmas lighting in the old town and the harbour area.*

### **OTHER ITEMS**

#### **QEII CARAVAN PARK (DS)**

MKA Economics is in the process of conducting an economic impact assessment (EIAs) of The QEII Caravan Park and this will be made available shortly.

#### **BOARDWALK (JS)**

This project will be dealt with under the Improving our Town Centre Project

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